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## The Town of Collierville

August 2, 2002

Ms. Sarah Kyle, Chairman  
Tennessee Regulatory Authority  
460 James Robertson Parkway  
Nashville, TN 37243-0505

Dear Chairman Kyle,

Congratulations on your appointment to the Tennessee Regulatory Authority.

I am writing the TRA Directors on behalf of BellSouth's upcoming petition for providing long distance in the state of Tennessee. The city and its residents of Collierville have had a long history of excellent service from BellSouth. BellSouth local executives have been very responsive in serving the tremendous residential and business growth our city has enjoyed over the last decade. There are many current and retired employees who live, work and pay taxes in our city. They serve on governmental boards and civic committees. BellSouth supports our historic downtown, chamber, health and educational projects. They are good corporate citizens and good people.

The time has come to allow BellSouth to offer long distance to their customers. I do believe that BellSouth's presence in long distance will challenge the existing long distance companies and bring even more competitive rates to the citizens of Collierville. I have been briefed on the issues of existing competition and BellSouth's compliance of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and do believe they have met their obligations. That was further reinforced this week when the U.S. Department of Justice recommended that the Federal Communications Commission approve BellSouth's application to offer long-distance in five other BellSouth states. I also understand that BellSouth is already offering long distance in Louisiana and Georgia. Tennessee needs to be next.

Sincerely,

Linda Kerley  
Mayor, Town of Collierville

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July 26, 2002

Ms. Sara Kyle, Chairman  
Tennessee Regulatory Authority  
460 James Robertson Parkway  
Nashville, Tennessee 37243-0505

Dear Ms. Kyle,

This letter is in support of BellSouth's long distance petition. As the mayor of Sevierville, we are always improving our infrastructure as we are growing at a record pace. BellSouth is always there to provide any assistance that we need. They have been great partners with us in Sevierville.

Their request to provide long distance service should be seen as good for the consumer in the form of lower rates from all competing companies. We believe BellSouth deserves the opportunity to compete in the long distance market.

I am pleased to submit this letter in support of BellSouth and I am available to answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

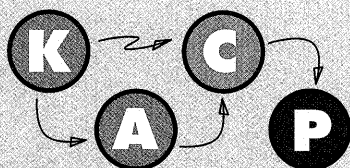
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Bryan Atchley  
Mayor

c: Mr. Dennis Wagner, Regional Director, BellSouth

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Ms. Sara Kyle  
Tennessee Regulatory Authority  
460 James Robertson Parkway  
Nashville, TN. 37243-0505

Dear Sara,

As a membership organization representing more than 1800 diverse businesses, the Knoxville Area Chamber Partnership supports the concept of healthy competition to create a vibrant business environment.

During the next week we understand that you will be considering allowing BellSouth entry into the long distance market in Tennessee. BellSouth has been a good corporate citizen, a solid business partner and a strong contributor to the economy throughout the state.

BellSouth has competed well with the nearly 100 companies currently offering local telephone service and the consumer has benefited from this wide range of choices and from the option of receiving both local and long distance service from one provider. BellSouth is currently the only local company prohibited from offering its customers that opportunity.

We appreciate the difficult task you have of regulating such a dynamic industry and know, as you consider BellSouth's application, you will continue to always keep the best interest of the consumer in mind.

Thank you for all the work you do.

Sincerely,

Tom Ingram  
President & CEO  
Knoxville Area Chamber Partnership

cc: Dennis Wagner, BellSouth

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